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SUBJECT: IRON ORE EXPORTERS' ORGANIZATION

1. EMBASSY OFFICER MET TODAY (APRIL 11) WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY AND MINES AND ENERGY, ARNALDO BARBALHO, AT LATTER'S REQUEST. BARBALHO SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR MEETING TO INFORM EMBASSY, ON BEHALF OF MINISTER UEKI, THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, GOB HAS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF JOINING IRON ORE PRODUCER'S ORGANIZATION AGREED UPON IN GENEVA AT BEGINNING OF MONTH. BARBALHO SAID GOB IS SATISFIED THAT ORGANIZATION IS NOW SUFFICIENTLY DIFFERENT FROM ORIGINAL CARTEL-LIKE APROPOSAL, SUPPORTED INITIALLY BY INDIA, VENEZUELA AND AUSTRALIA, THAT ORGANIZATION WILL NOT BE ONE FOR CONFRONTATION WITH CONSUMERS AND DOES NOT IMPOSE ANY OBLIGATION ON PRODUCER MEMBERS TO LIMIT PRODUCTION. BARBALHO ATTRIBUTED GOB RESISTANCE, EMPAHSIZED BY LOW LEVEL REPRESENTATION AT LATEST MEETING,

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TO FORMATION OF CARTEL OR CONFRONTATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS

IMPORTANT FACTOR INFLUENCING FINAL OUTCOME. HE SAID BRAZILIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A MODERATING ONE. BARBALHO SAID UEKI WOULD MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO.

2. DURING CONVERSATION, EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT USG HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION MEETINGS IN OBSERVER OR OTHER IFNROMAL STATUS. BARBALHO SAID THAT GOB POSITION DURING TALKS ON FORMATION OF EXPORTERS GROUP HAD ENVISAGED PARTICIPATION OF CONSUMERS, AND HE VENTURED PERSONAL OPINION THAT GOB WOULD BE FAVORABLE TOWARD US PARTICIPATION.

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